

Readers of this column recall our persistent reminders ever since the end of the war that federal taxing and spending must be reduced if for no other reason than to allow room for the legitimate demands of local and state government — whose tax revenues were "frozen" during the war emergency years.

Now comes a tax survey which bears out the truth of my warning. Local taxation is a delayed-action bomb that is exploding all over the country.

The Commerce Clearing House, Inc., of Chicago, made a survey of local tax bills in America's 30 largest cities, and found — as reported this morning — that they had increased 23 per cent in the first three postwar years.

Local tax revenue in these 30 cities totaled \$1,530,000,000 in 1946 — but in 1948 the amount was \$1,890,000,000.

Local taxes appear on the surface to come from many sources: Sales, income, licenses, parking meters, beverages, gasoline and gambling — but most of these so-called sources are minor ones. Three-quarters of all local taxation is borne, as you might have guessed, by the real and personal property of the community — your house or business structure, and the things you have in it.

This tax is booming all over the country to take care of public schools and other local institutions now overcrowded because facilities didn't keep pace with population growth during the war years.

And still the federal government hasn't backed off appreciably from its wartime taxation peak.

Taxpayers caught between the pincers of federal taxes that won't come down and local taxes that have to go up, are likely to do something about it when the truth dawns on them.

It'll be rough going for the federal machine — trying to perpetuate its high-level income at a time when the oldest local institutions in America need help for sacrifices they made during the war.

Models for Style Show Are Named

Mrs. Virginia Hosmer, director of the Spring Style Show sponsored by the Hope Federation of Garden clubs, met recently with the models selected for this show preliminary instructions.

All models will meet with Mrs. Hosmer this Saturday morning at the City Hall at 9 o'clock for more detailed information and rehearsal. The shows have been set for 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on both March 8 and 9.

Models representing various stores are as follows: Specialty Shop — Mrs. Fred Ellis, Mrs. David Griffin, Mrs. Chase Stephens, Miss Betty Babb, Miss Jo-Jo Coffee; Elkins — Mrs. Bob Graham, Mrs. Klone Franks, Miss Sara Lauterbach, Miss Hilda Carr, Miss Linda Foster; J. C. Penny's — Mrs. Manuel Hamm, Mrs. Floyd LeVet, Miss Nell Coffee, Miss Loretta James, Vernon Holliday.

Lewis-McLarty — Miss Phyllis Brown, Mrs. A. L. Hardage, Mrs. Paul Riley, Miss Ann Barr, Bill Gunter; Robinson's — Miss Sandra Robbins, Mrs. Dorsey Fuller, Mrs. Herald Porterfield, Mrs. P. B. Ward, Jr., Gilson Ross; West Bros. — Mrs. C. P. Munn, Mrs. Carter Sutton, Miss Jo Ann Hudson, Miss Nell Foster; Burn's Men Store — Dorsey Fuller, Richard Bruner, Billy Blake, Larry Moses, Willis Men Store — E. L. Archer, Jr., Syvella Burke, Henry Lile, Mitchell Agnone.

Owen's Dept. Store — Miss Nancy Martin, Mrs. E. L. Archer, Jr., Miss Kathleen Walker, Judy Robbins, Edsel Nix, Sue and Lee Shop — Gail Cook, Sonja Sommer, Carol Coop, Jan Ellis, Jenni-Lite Cox, Roy Wray, Mac McLarty, Jackie Bruce Moran.

R. H. Trotter, 70, Well-Known Negro, Dies Suddenly

R. H. Trotter, aged 70, a well-known Hempstead county Negro farmer, died yesterday at his home on Washington Rt. 1. He was born and raised in Hempstead.

4,600 Airline Workers Go on Strike

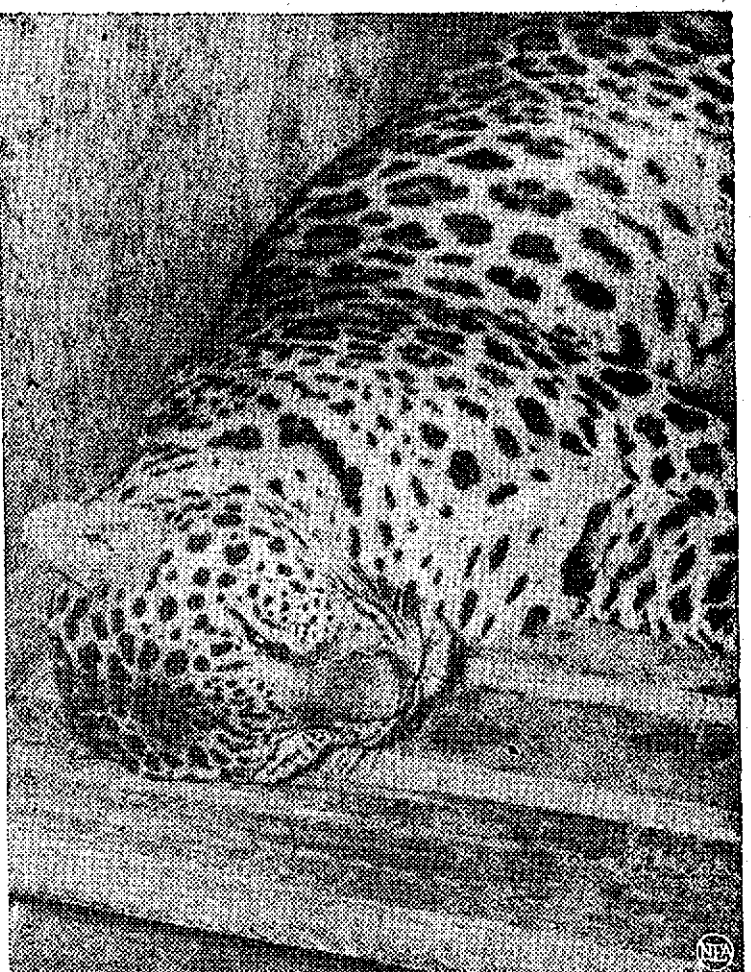
New York, March 1 — (UPI) — American Airlines' 4,600 maintenance employees began a coast-to-coast strike today against the nation's largest domestic airline.

Pickets of the CIO Transport workers union began marching before the airline's offices at LaGuardia field a few minutes before a 7:30 a. m. EST strike deadline.

The airline said it planned to continue operations using planes in good mechanical condition.

WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas: Fair, cooler this afternoon and tonight. Cool Thursday.



MISSING LEOPARD IS CAPTURED — The once fierce leopard which has frightened the residents of Oklahoma City for the past three days, lies in a peaceful sleep after being fed sleeping pills in a piece of horse meat. The missing animal was caught in a small cave from which it escaped. The animal later died in his pit. (NEA Telephoto).

Doctor Tells About Air Injections

Manchester, N. H., March 1 — (AP) — The defense today read into the records a statement by a fellow physician that Mrs. Abbie Borroto was dead before Dr. Hermann N. Sander ever reached her bedside.

The statement reportedly was made by Dr. Albert Snay, who examined the cancer-ridden woman the morning of Dec. 4 a few minutes before Dr. Sander is alleged to have injected air into her veins.

Manchester, N. H., March 1 — (AP) — The county medical referee today testified hospital records of the cancer patient Dr. Hermann N. Sander is accused of murdering showed she was given four injections of air.

Dr. Robert E. Biron took the stand in the "mercy killing" trial to give his version of the accused doctor's reply when he asked him: "Why did you do it?"

Dr. Biron said he was called to the Hillsboro County hospital 25 days after the death of Mrs. Abbie Borroto, 59, Manchester housewife.

The county medical referee said he read medical reports in the case. And then he told the 13-man jury:

"I pondered for a few moments to determine how to explain the last part of the 'progress notes' and then decided it should be brought before the authorities."

Biron then read from records previously introduced by the prosecution. One read "patient given 10 cc's of air, repeated four times, and expired 10 minutes after this was started."

The county medical referee said he summoned Sheriff Thomas F. O'Brien to the hospital and that later Dr. Sander came to the records room at the hospital.

Attorney General William L. Phinney asked Biron:

"After Dr. Sander arrived, did you converse with him?"

"I did, yes sir," replied Dr. Biron.

Q. Did you inquire pertaining to Mrs. Borroto's death?

A. I did, yes sir.

Chief Defense Counsel Louis E. Wyman objected at this point but Judge Harold E. Wescott allowed Phinney to proceed.

Q. Do you recall, Doctor, the first question you asked him (Sander)?

A. I told him the death of Mrs. Borroto had been called to my attention to investigate. In his (Sander's) initial reply he spoke of another case and I told him I was interested in the case of Mrs. Borroto.

Q. Did you again question him about Mrs. Borroto?

A. Yes — he said Mrs. Borroto suffered cancer of the large bowel and liver, metastasis and inanition.

Q. Did you question him further about the entry on the progress sheet?

A. I did.

BANKER ILL

Rogers, March 1 — (AP) — E. G. Sharp, president of the Rogers Federal Savings and Loan association, was stricken ill today. His condition was described as critical.

Sharp, about 75, is a past governor of Rotary International and owns one of Benton county's largest stock ranches.

Leopard Dies After Alarming a Nation

Oklahoma City, Mar. 1 — (AP) — Oklahoma City's meandering leopard died yesterday after a three-day fling at freedom.

The crafty creature escaped from his prison pit at the Lincoln Park zoo Saturday.

His leap from the 18-foot deep pit as a group of children looked on, set off a wave of excitement which had a nation grasping for news on the hunt which followed for the jungle-killer.

The 175 pound cat, fresh from India's jungles, came sneaking home after midnight yesterday like a runaway boy — hungry.

It was apparent hunger which indirectly took the life of the leopard after 61 hours of carousing through northeastern Oklahoma county's brushland and gulleys.

Two solid helpings of horsemeat — the usual diet — placed strategically on a fence surrounding the pit came as a tempting lure to the crafty creature.

He gobbled greedily, slipped back into the nearby pit. He was discovered by three zoo attendants in a groggy condition.

The prize morsels of meat were loaded with a strong drug — chloral hydrate — enough to keep the beast in a semi-sleepy condition throughout the day.

Fifteen hours later at 5:45 p. m. (CST) the leopard was found stretched lifeless in his cage even though a stimulant to overcome the drug's reaction had been administered periodically by Veterinarian W. O. Bowerman.

Zoo Director Julian Frazier said the animal seemed to be on the road to recovery early in the afternoon only to suffer a sudden relapse.

"I don't really know what caused his death," Frazier said after talking to Dr. Bowerman.

The veterinarian had examined him and said he was "doing fine." An autopsy will be performed today.

Even though his escape spread terror around the adjacent countryside the leopard's passing saddened zoo officials and thousands of volunteer hunters who were "out to kill."

"He's a fine animal and we hate to lose him," Frazier remarked, lifting the animal's head hoping for a spark of life.

It will not be an inglorious death for the stately prowler of the jungle.

The body will be mounted and placed somewhere in the Oklahoma City as a remembrance of "the leopard which escaped from the Lincoln Park Zoo."

Livestock Show Group Meets With Extension Agents

Glen Wallace, president of the Third District Livestock show, together with Bob Shivers and Chuck Armitage, met at Arkadelphia yesterday afternoon with J. O. Fullerton, district supervisor for the F. F. A.

The program for the junior division for this year's show was agreed upon and plans were made for a banquet to be held March 20 at the Hotel Barlow, at which all county agent's home demonstration agents, vocational agricultural teachers, the show association's Board of Governors and several of last year's exhibitors will be invited.

Training Course, Summer Closing Discussed

The Hope retail merchants met at the Chamber of Commerce at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon to discuss the holding of a course in retail selling for sales personnel. Plans were tentatively made to hold this course on the evening of March 13-14-15, having a two hour session each night. This instruction will be under the management of the State Department of Education.

Summer store hours were also favored. While no definite action was taken, this group favored the elimination of Wednesday afternoon closing during the summer and replacing that program with summer hours of 8:30 to 5.

Liberal Wing of GOP Plan Own Platform

Washington, March 1 — (AP) — Headed by Senator Ives (R-NY) Republicans who like to be classed as liberals began trying today to put together their own platform for this year's congressional races.

Ives told a reporter he had circulated the suggested draft of a platform to several GOP colleagues.

Ives didn't name them, but those who received copies evidently included Senators Lodge of Massachusetts, Aiken of Vermont, Hendrickson of New Jersey, Smith of Maine and Tobey of New Hampshire.

The group may meet next week to see if they can agree on a statement rivaling that issued recently by the Republican national committee and a majority of senate and house republicans.

Ives and others called the party declaration weak-kneed on such issues as civil rights. The New York senator criticized its labor plank and said he doesn't agree with its social program.

Democrats meanwhile scheduled a new harmony move at a party rally in Chicago probably in the third week of March.

President Truman and Vice President Barkley will be the stars of a meeting to which all Democratic members of congress and the members of the party's national committee will be invited.

It will be a new opportunity for the President to discuss what he calls his "fair deal" program from a platform in the Mid-west.

By the time the President speaks, the senate apparently will have accepted or rejected his demand for a compulsory fair employment practices bill as opposed to the voluntary bill passed by the house.

Potato Crop Discussed at Blevins

At 7:30 last night about 80 citizens of the Blevins community met with a group representing the Hope Chamber of Commerce at the Blevins school to discuss the possibility of raising sweet potatoes commercially.

Before the meeting started entertainment was provided by the Henderson county Melody boys.

The Chamber of Commerce committee had recently visited Opelousas, La. reported on the methods used there in making sweet potatoes their number one cash crop.

The committee further reported that a successful operation depended upon the farmers raising the same type of potatoes preferably the Puerto Rico or the Purple to unit number one. This is a thin skin light yellow potato that is favored by the eastern market.

Many of the farmers attending indicated that they would participate in this program on an experimental basis this year, concentrating on perfecting methods of growth and care.

The Hope delegation was composed of the following: George Peck, Martin Poole, Chester Hunt, Dewey Baber, Roy Anderson, Dorsey McRae, Frank McLarty, Lyle Brown, Norman Moore, Bryon Huddleston, Claude Sutton, Aubrey Enoch, Cecil Bittle, George Robinson and Chuck Armitage.

Reynolds to Divert Metals to Farm Uses

Washington, March 1 — (AP) — The Reynolds Metals company today announced establishment of the Reynolds Farm Institute, with headquarters in Louisville, Ky., to find more effective farm uses of aluminum.

The announcement said the institute "has started research into the many new uses of aluminum on farms to instruct and guide farmers in the proper and most effective use of the metal."

The institute has already prepared a manual under the title "Aluminum for Farm Structures" which is being distributed to county agents and vocational agricultural teachers, it was announced.

British Spy Given 14-Year Sentence

London, March 1 — (AP) — Dr. Klaus Fuchs, the Jekyll-Hyde physicist, was sentenced to 14 years in prison today on his plea of guilty to betraying the topmost atom bomb secrets to communist Russia.

At the close of a swift trial in historic old Bailey court, the lord chief justice, Baron Goddard, flayed the 38-year-old German-born scientist as an ingrate and a traitor who had bitten the hand that fed him and had done "irreparable harm both to this land and the United States of America."

The trial lasted only an hour and a half and only one witness was called — British Security Officer William J. Skardon, who told the court how Fuchs confessed to giving top atom secrets to Russian agents over a period of seven years.

The witness was called by the defense. He said Fuchs had cooperated fully with authorities and that without the confession, could not have been charged.

The witless, bespectacled genius was given the maximum sentence for violation of Britain's official secrets act. At no time were any details of the secrets he betrayed disclosed publicly. He was charged on four counts.

Despite Fuchs' apparent attitude of contrition, his lawyer, Derek Curtis-Bennett, told reporters "an appeal is being considered."

Fuchs, the man who confessed to deliberately spilling his personality so he could serve both communism and his British benefactors, pleaded guilty to passing information to Soviet agents here and in Boston, Mass., and New York.

Britain's top atom researcher, he had been in the U. S. between 1943 and 1945 with the British atomic energy commission and had access to the most secret information. He knew the secrets of Los Alamos, N. M., where the first "atom bomb" was exploded.

Described by the prosecution as "disillusioned and a hamed," Fuchs announced after the trial he had "also committed some crimes other than the ones with which I am charged." He said he cooperated with the authorities in the hope of atoning for such crimes.

Fuchs spoke softly — so softly that his heavily accented words could scarcely be heard by the spectators.

He thanked the court, saying "I have had a fair trial."

The lord chief justice told Fuchs he had betrayed not only himself but the country which had extended a friendly hand to him when he fled Nazi persecution.

It Could Have Happened This Way But Louie's Night Out Proved to Be His Last

By HAL BOYLE

New York, (AP) — Oklahoma's prodigal leopard had more friends in death today than he ever knew in life.

Millions of Americans felt a twinge of regret at the passing of this beautiful creature, who crept back to his zoo home after 61 hours of fruitless wildcatting.

The way I look at it, the reappearing leopard was just another misadventured American husband, misunderstood both by his wife and his alarmed human neighbors.

To understand his strange case we must have a little background. Let us call him Louie and his mate Hortense.

Three months ago they were just another happy newlywed couple, enjoying the company of poverty in the jungle along the Siamese-Burmese border. They never knew they would land on their next meal.

But, after all, they had each other — and anything else they could claw. And they were young.

Fame and prosperity just came to them too quickly. They were the Oklahoma City zoo. And then trapped, bought and shipped to the Oklahoma City zoo. And then life became too easy. They had free horsemeat every day, and crowds of Oklahomans came to admire them.

So they became vain and bored with each other.

"You're so dull, Louie, you never think up anything interesting to do," complained Hortense.

"Well, all you do all day long is manure your toenails," snapped Louie. "You even got a bird man to clean out the house. And every day company, company, company — don't you think a leopard ever wants a little privacy?"

"I don't invite them," sniffed Hortense. "They just drop by."

But Louie moped and moped. He told himself he wished he could just get away from it all, and go back to his old single life in the woods.

And last Saturday he made a leap for liberty from the bottom

Coal Talks Resumed as Court Decision Nears in Contempt Hearing

Attlee Keeps 3 Top Aides in Cabinet

London, March 1 — (AP) — Prime Minister Attlee has reshuffled his Labor cabinet along stronger political lines to meet the threatened Conservative challenge in parliament, which opens today.

Attlee, whose Labor party majority in the 625-member house of commons was cut to a scanty seven in last week's elections, kept his three top cabinet aides: Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Stafford Cripps.

He made some 15 changes, chiefly in the lower brackets, in a move obviously aimed at strengthening the party for new elections which most observers feel will be called within a few months at most.

Today's opening session of parliament will be devoted chiefly to electing a speaker of the commons. Following tradition, Col. Douglas Clifton Brown, a Conservative, probably will be reelected.

To meet the Conservative challenge, Attlee increased his cabinet from 19 to 21 members — elevating several Laborites expected to swing considerable weight in any new election campaign.

The new cabinet post went to Hugh Dalton as minister of town and country planning, which was raised to fifth in order of importance.

Emanuel Shinwell, former secretary of state for war, was promoted to defense secretary replacing Viscount Alexander.

James Griffiths, former minister of national insurance, was promoted to secretary of state for colonies, filling the post left open by Arthur Creech Jones, who failed to get re-elected. Dr. Edith Summerskill, Britain's only woman minister for several years, got the national insurance post.

Another promotion went to Scotsman Hector McNell, former minister of state and United Nations delegate, who was given the post of secretary of state for Scotland.

Philip Noel-Baker gave up his job as secretary of state for commonwealth relations to become the new minister of fuel and power.

Health Minister Aneurin Bevan, leader of the leftwing branch of the Laborites, was re-appointed to the health post.

Of his pit, picocheted against a wall and — to his own amazement — found he was footloose and fancy free.

For a while he felt deliciously happy. He loped and loped, dodging all people because he was tired of being admired. When night fell, he said:

"Guess I'll look up some of my bachelor leopard friends, and see what's new in the old jungle."

But he couldn't find any. All he saw was a puny tomcat, and when the tomcat saw Louie he ran like hell.

The next morning Louie felt fagged out and hungry. Then he heard the baying of dogs and saw groups of men with lightning sticks in their hands. Gradually it sank into his feline mind they were after him.

"Why?" he thought, crouching down to hide. "Why?"

He didn't know that civilization doesn't like married leopards to go out on the town anymore than it does married men. After another night, freedom began to pall on Louie. He got tired of stalking old derelicts. Nothing to eat in them.

So Monday night, weary, hungry and bedraggled, Louie said to himself:

"Poor Hortense. I'll bet she's feeling lonesome. Anyway she's learned her lesson. I'd better go back and see how she is."

And back went Louie, the homing pigeon, with his tail between his legs. He ate a chunk of drugged meat the zoo had put out for him, crawled into his den — and there they found him.

(Fifteen hours later he was dead. And the odd thing was that Louie, who never had even blown the form off a mug of beer, probably just slept himself to death under the influence of the drug, chloral hydrate, which is often used to quiet noisy drunks.

(Well, anyway he won't have to listen to a lot of lady leopard talk from Hortense about what he did during his three nights out of the town.)

Washington, March 1 — (AP) — John Owens, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, testified today that the union's officers have made every effort to end the coal strike.

As a defense witness in the union's contempt trial, Owens insisted that two back to work orders sent out by UMW President John L. Lewis anticipated that every coal miner would resume work. He said the Lewis orders were issued "without any reservations, without any qualifications."

Owens was the first union witness after the government closed its case by getting into evidence a Lewis order ending a 1946 strike. Attorney general, contended this 1946 order was more explicit and compelling than the two back to work orders Lewis has issued during the current walkout.

When the government rested its case UMW counsel moved for dismissal of the charges. Judge Richmond B. Keach denied the motion. Well K. Hopkins, UMW counsel, asked Owens at one point if the union's leaders were "disappointed" when the miners continued their strike after Lewis twice told them to go back to work.

There was a ripple of laughter through the court room.

Morison objected to this question.

"Well, I withdraw it," Hopkins said.

"I think the country was disappointed," Judge Keach observed.

Hopkins said:

"Your honor I can tell you that the international union and its orders were disappointed. And its disappointed that the men have not gone back to work."

When Hopkins argued for dismissal of the charges, he contended the government had failed to show any union participation in the strike.

Keach said only: "I'll deny your motion."

Owens was still in the witness chair when court was recessed for lunch. Union lawyers said he would be the only witness and that whether the trial could conclude today would depend upon the length of cross-examination and arguments.

Keach said only: "I'll deny your motion."

Just before resting its case, the government got into evidence a letter that Lewis sent to the miners to end a 1946 strike. It was attempting to show that the union leader has not used the same pressure, in the current strike, to bet the men back to work that he used in 1946.

In the 1946 letter Lewis said "Let there be no hesitation upon the part of any individual member with respect to the effectuation of the policy herein defined." That was a policy to end their strike.

Hopkins strenuously objected to admitting the letter, but Keach held it was admissible "as possibly indicative of what must be done to get the men back."

Keach told the UMW lawyer that he was "getting into orations."

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Denfeld Ouster Is Branded a Reprisal

Washington, March 1 — (AP) — The house armed services committee today branded the removal of Admiral Louis Denfeld as chief of naval operations last fall as a "reprisal" for his "frank and honest" criticism of unification and national defense planning.

The committee released its formal report on investigations into the interservice row today, the same day that Denfeld after nearly 38 years active duty, retired rather than accept another job.

Denfeld was one of a number of high military witnesses called before the house committee last October after letters released by Capt. John Crommelin, navy flier, disclosed opposition to phases of the unification program.

Crommelin, transferred to the West coast, revealed yesterday he had been ordered by the new chief of naval operations Admiral Forrest P. Sherman to clear in advance any public speeches he makes.

Reserve Officer Returns From Tour of Duty

Royce Weisenberger, local lawyer and Reserve Officer, has returned to his office and the active practice of law after 15 days active duty at Headquarters, Fourth Army, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, where he was on duty with the Office of the Army Judge Advocate.

N. J. Governor Orders Seizure of 'Phone Co.

Trenton, N. J., March 1 — (AP) — Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll today ordered state seizure of the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.

Driscoll said the state would take over custody of the company "sometime during the day."

He said he would appoint a state administrator for the company and a five-member arbitration board which will consider the current dispute between the company and the New Jersey division of the CIO Communication Workers of America.

Both sides have agreed to abide by the arbitration board's decision, the governor added.

The union represents 12,000 switchboard operators. It is seeking a \$7 a week increase as well as a reduction in the work week to 40 hours.

The governor acted on request of Walter T. Margetts, chairman of the state mediation board, to appoint a compulsory arbitration board under the state law which bids strikes in public utilities.

A week of bitter negotiations bargaining ended yesterday in a hopeless deadlock. Margetts said this will be the second time since New Jersey adopted its anti-strike law that the Bell Telephone company has been taken over by the state.

The first seizure came in 1937, the time of the nationwide phone strike. The seizure, however

Russians Claim Widescale Price Cuts

Moscow, March 1.—(AP)—Wide price cuts resulting from revaluation of the ruble sent crowds of Russians on an enthusiastic buying spree today in Moscow stores and markets.

The Soviet government last night set the value of the ruble at 25 cents (in terms of U. S. currency) from the old rate of a little less than 10 cents. Price cuts on 234 varieties of goods ranging from bread to radios were announced simultaneously.

State stores were jammed with customers, who learned of the price reductions from radio broadcasts and newspapers. Crowds were orderly and there was much buying.

Prices at peasants markets located in many sections of Moscow fell in line with the cuts ordered in state stores—reductions ranging from 10 per cent for milk to as much as 30 per cent for bread and butter.

Soviet newspapers and radio broadcasts hailed the revaluation as improving the people's living standard and boosting the prestige of the Russian ruble in international trade dealings.

Every Soviet family realizes its personal experience how life is getting better and how material welfare is expanding, proclaimed Pravda, the government newspaper.

Pravda, the Communist party

newspaper, declared that prices are going down in the Soviet Union while asserting that in capitalist countries such as Britain, France and the United States the cost of living is rising.

(Diplomats in Washington and London saw a double motive in the Soviet currency juggling: a propaganda move to convince their people at home of the communist system's superiority and the beginning of a "ruble diplomacy" to exploit the Soviet satellites by charging higher prices for goods shipped abroad.)

(The London-Daily Telegraph financial writer said the move looks "like a piece of financial window dressing designed to impress the Russian people" just before the elections to the supreme Soviet (Parliament) March 12.)

(Financial circles said that raising the value of the ruble would have practically no effect on Russian trade with the west since the Soviet Union invariably paid and received dollars or pounds sterling in business exchanges.)

Today's move was the fourth price reduction ordered by the government since 1947. On Dec. 14, 1947, Russian called in all her old currency and exchanged it at the rate of 10 old rubles to one new ruble in a move to head off inflation. At the same time rationing was ended and price reductions ordered.

Coal Talks

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mandate, the union can be heavily fined. Lewis and the UMW have paid \$2,130,000 for two previous



'COPTER FOR COLD-WEATHER RESCUES—This is an artist's conception of the first Air Force helicopter designed especially for use in Arctic rescue operations, the Piasecki H-21. Big as an airliner, the craft will be able to land on snow, ice, water, tundra or marshlands. A hydraulic swivel hoist enables it to haul in litter cases and make other pickups at spots where landing is impossible. For emergency purposes, the H-21 can carry 27 passengers and two crewmen.

court showdowns during strikes.

That added some pressure to Lewis' side of the bargaining table. Negotiators were called back to contract talks at 11 a. m. EST. Some close observers believed that a sudden settlement might lighten any fine Judge Keech would be inclined to impose for the 18-day defiance of his order by 372,000 striking miners.

On the other hand, the operators were under pressure, too. Their idle mines were costing huge sums of money to keep up, without much chance of ever recovering the lost profits.

The growing shortage of fuel added new towns and cities to the list of those where safe-coal efforts were intensified.

Rough estimates were that more than half a million workers have been made idle, including the 372,000 striking miners plus others whose jobs depend on coal production.

Carnegie-Illinois steel corporation announced it is cutting back its Pittsburgh operations from about 90 per cent of capacity to 55 per cent. How much additional unemployment this will mean was not immediately determined.

President Truman's council of economic advisers reported that the coal strike has changed the optimistic outlook for business in the first half of this year.

Without any confirmation from the White House, there continued to be talks that Mr. Truman might seek power to seize the mines in the name of the government, to get out urgently needed coal.

A top official involved in the government's strategy conferences said that seizure of the mines, with a hastily-enacted bill by congress, appeared inevitable if the parties failed to come to agreement. The operators have opposed the taking over of their property, remembering 1943 and 1946 when the government made contracts with Lewis which they had to sign before taking back their mines.

Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal company's board of directors yesterday announced a cut in dividends, and salary slashes of 5 to 20 per cent—brought on, the board said, by low production of the past 12 months and heavy overhead.

Illinois Auto Crash Is Fatal to 5 Persons

Arrowsmith, Ill., March 1.—(AP)—Five persons—a farm couple and three teen-agers—were killed near here last night in a head-on collision of two automobiles. One young girl was seriously injured.

The farm couple's car and a car in which two young couples were driving crashed on a country road, two and a half miles northeast of this small central Illinois community.

Chalmers Craig, 31, and his wife, Bernadine, 26, were within 500 yards of their farm home when the accident occurred.

Ralph Bell, 18, and Norma Res-

Brave Smile



A three-year-old polio victim smiles proudly as she walks with her doll and a helping hand from her Red Cross nurse.

Rice Growers Create New Organization

Houston, Tex., March 1.—(AP)—Worried members of the rice industry, their foreign markets gone, have created a new organization in hopes of increasing domestic consumption by 6,000,000 barrels annually.

Some 200 members of the industry talked over their problems and formed a 26-man group, tentatively called "the Texas rice promotion committee," here yesterday.

The group is to work out a million dollar advertising and promotion campaign. The rice growers hoped each American citizen, as a result of the campaign, will eat rice.

Crash of Craig's car and the machine in which the two boys and two girls were riding. Gale Kirkpatrick, 10, died in a Bloomington hospital a few hours after the accident.

Uncertainty of British Rule Leaves No Reason to Assume Affairs Are Cracking Up

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Despite the instability of Britain's Labor government because of the tiny parliamentary majority it received in the general election, there is no reason to assume that her home affairs or foreign relations are going to pot as a result.

Actually the very uncertainty of tenure may prove to be a blessing to disguise at this precise juncture. This paradoxical situation is due to the fact that England's critical economic situation, and her vast responsibilities as one of the Big Three Western powers, call for a minimum of political confusion.

There is nothing Britain needs more at this juncture than government on a non-contentious basis.

There is a fair chance—though no certainty—that this is what the country will get for a time. Of course, under the circumstances there is bound to be another general election before very long. But the current disposition of the ambitious conservatives under the leadership of Winston Churchill seems to be not to force the issue right now unless the Socialists raise a highly controversial issue. This the Socialists aren't expected to do.

There are two very good reasons why both the government and its opposition aren't anxious for another general election in the near future. One is that a quick election would be terribly disconcerting for the country, and the other is that the actual monetary cost of elections is a great drain on party resources.

The burden of avoiding highly controversial measures naturally falls mainly on the shoulders of Prime Minister Attlee and his cabinet. On innumerable business and matters of high importance for the good of the country he may expect cooperation from Churchill and the conservative rank and file.

At this juncture one can see four issues which might precipitate a dog fight and another general election unless Attlee treads most cir-

Trucking Firm Asks Court to Stop Union

Little Rock, March 1.—(AP)—A trucking concern wants a court order to prevent a union local from interfering with its business. Arkansas Express, Inc., yesterday asked Pulaski Chancellor Frank Dodge to prevent Local 878 of the AFL Teamsters Union from imposing a boycott against it.

Seven employees of the company's Little Rock terminal are on strike. They are members of local 878.

Last week Arkansas Express, a Pine Bluff company, told the court 14 other trucking companies were complying with union demands to discontinue interstate exchanges of shipments with it. Arkansas Express asked an injunction against the other companies to prevent the boycott. This the chancellor granted.

Two of the defendant firms argued that the injunction should apply also against the union, contending they faced contempt charges if they disobeyed the injunction and strikes of their own employees if they obeyed.

Arkansas Express amended its complaint to ask that the injunction apply also against the union. Chancellor Dodge set hearing for tomorrow.

Fertilizer Plant to Be Rebuilt at Texarkana

Chicago, March 1.—(AP)—The International Minerals and Chemical corporation's fertilizer plant at Texarkana, Ark., destroyed by fire Feb. 22, will be reconstructed. This has been announced by Maurice H. Lockwood, vice president in charge of the company's plant food division.

The total damage hasn't yet been determined, but Lockwood said it was covered by insurance. The fire destroyed the main building, but several other smaller buildings were saved.

Oil Group to Hold Meeting in Little Rock

Oklahoma City, March 1.—(AP)—The interstate oil compact commission will hold an executive board meeting at Little Rock, Ark. Friday to plan for its quarterly convention.

The quarterly meeting is set for May 4-6 at Biloxi, Miss.

Representatives from Illinois, Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Louisiana will attend the board meeting.

Gov. Roy J. Turner of Oklahoma, chairman, will preside.

State Bans Treated Potatoes

Little Rock, March 1.—(AP)—Sale of potatoes treated with waxes containing artificial coloring and preservative chemicals has been banned in Arkansas.

The food and drug division of the state health department wrote grocers that potatoes so treated "are both adulterated and misbranded under the state and federal laws."

The health department said it believed the potatoes were treated to make them appear better than they were and that some of the chemical preservatives used contained a poisonous and deleterious substance.

"The chemical used in at least one instance is ortho phenyl phenate, which is of the same order as phenol or carbolic acid," the department said.

Grocers were given until March 15 to dispose of current stocks of such potatoes and directed not to purchase any more.

The department explained that the ban does not apply to "vegetables coated with harmless waxes free from artificial coloring and poisonous preservatives, such as

SEEKS RE-ELECTION

Little Rock, March 1.—(AP)—Circuit Judge Maupin Cummings of Fayetteville, today filed his court practices pledge for re-election from the fourth judicial district. So far he has no opposition.

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Thursday, March 2
The Jett B. Graves Sunday school class party in the recreational room at the First Methodist church will be held Thursday.

The Alpha Zeta chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority will meet at the Hope City Hall at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2 for the regular monthly business meeting. All members are urged to be present.

The Pat Cleburne chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will honor the state president, Mrs. W. A. Butterworth of Hot Springs with a luncheon in the private dining room of Hotel Barlow at 12:30 p.m. Thursday. Hostesses will be Mrs. Aaron Tollett, Mrs. D. H. Lipscomb, Mrs. Emmett Thompson, Mrs. Fred Cook, and Mrs. Wilbur Jones of Ozan.

All officers of the Pat Cleburne chapter of the U. D. C. are invited to call at the home of Mrs. A. E. Slusser from 10 to 12 noon Thursday to meet the state president, Mrs. W. A. Butterworth.

Hope Chapter No. 328, Order of the Eastern Star will meet Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. The Deputy Grand Lecturer of Arkansas will be honored at the meeting. All members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Friday, March 3
Mrs. Hollis Luck and Mrs. J. C. Carlton will be hostesses to the Rose Garden club at 3 p.m. Friday, March 3, at the home of Mrs. Luck on East Second street.

Mrs. Dayton Thompson Hostess to Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Unity Baptist church met at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Dayton Thompson on South Main. The home was beautifully decorated throughout with spring flowers.

The program opened with the group singing "Revive Us Again", after which Mrs. Jim Hobbs, led the group in prayer. Those taking part on the program using "Essentials of a Bible revival" as the title, were Mrs. James Gaines, Mrs. L. Calhoun, Mrs. Jim Warren, Mrs. L. C. Purdie, Mrs. Ray Roberts. The program closed with prayer by Elder Howard White.

The hostess assisted by Mrs. Barney Gaines, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. C. D. Hare served a dessert plate to 24 present.

Japan is Topic of W. S. C. S. Meet

The first mission study of the W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist church, on "Japan" was held at Brookwood school Monday afternoon. Mrs. Steve Carrigan, Jr., study chairman, gave a preview of the study and Mrs. Dave Thompson led the prayer. A film, "Furnace of Japan", was shown by Miss Sophia Sue Harper who led the discussion following showing of the film.

Mrs. Thompson Evans, Jr. led a group of Hope Garden club members in giving demonstrations of Japanese flower arrangements. Those taking part in the demonstrations were: Mrs. Franklin McLarty, Jr., Mrs. Lamar Cox.

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Red Cross Drive Workers Announced

Miss Margaret Allen, field representative from St. Louis, was guest speaker at the Red Cross kickoff campaign banquet at the Barlow last night.

Miss Allen said "giving to the Red Cross is like buying an insurance policy since some disaster hits Arkansas every year." Concluding her speech Miss Allen said, "If your neighbor has a fire, you would help. The principle of the American Red Cross is just that...neighborliness."

Dr. F. C. Crow, Hempstead county fund chairman, introduced the campaign representatives from each community in Hempstead county. Mrs. William Routon, publicity chairman, announced the following on her committee, E. P. Young, Jr., George Frazier, Rev. H. P. Holdridge, and Dorsey Fuller, Jr.

Talbot Field, Jr., president of the Red Cross chapter in Hempstead county, pointed out that "out of money raised in Hempstead county from the drive, approximately 50 per cent will remain here." He also said, "Already this year the Red Cross has spent more money in Arkansas than was raised in the state last year."

County chairmen are: Mrs. Mary Spates, McNab; Mrs. C. P. Jones, Patmos; Mrs. H. E. Sutton, Holly Grove; Miss Lucille Ruggles, Shover Springs; A. R. Avery, Beard's Chapel; Bill Etter, Washington; Alma Hanna, Goodlet; Mrs. Guy Hicks, Crossroads; Mrs. J. H. Pickard, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Otis Harris, McCaskill; Gerald Reyenga, Piney Grove; Mrs. C. G. Coffee, DeAnn; Mrs. Pauline D. Hughes, Saratoga.

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Mrs. K. Gentry Ratcliff, Sardis; Mrs. Audrey Foster, Stevenson school house; Miss Theara Clark, Union.

Hope
Homer Hill, Highway department; Guy E. Bayse, Advance gift committee; Miss Omera Evans, Court house; James H. Jones, Hope schools.

James T. West and co-workers, Linda Foster, Joann Hudson, Jodie Coffee, Mary Frances Pate, Jimmie Nell Wakefield and Nell Foster, Hope business district; Mrs. Bill Wray, Ward 1; Hope; Mrs. Oliver Adams, Ward 2; Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Ward 3; None, Ward 4.

Prof. and Mrs. E. D. Douglas, colored division.



Light and bright new shoes are keyed to Spring suits and dresses. Repeating the beige tones of the suit modeled (center) are blonde kidskin sling-back pumps trimmed with a small self bow and white punchwork outlining vamp and toe. Slender threads of mauve and raspberry kid wind and cross to form the lacy, high-heeled shoes (upper left) which are ensembled with a chiffon evening gown printed in harmonizing colors. Matching the blue linen sports skirt, flat-heeled linen shoes (lower left) have an open vamp framed by soft shirring. Soft cinnamon suede walking shoes (top right) shown with cinnamon-checked wool skirt owe their airy look to wide straps which cross the instep and provide good support for feet. Strips of yellow, pink and blue patent leather are braided to make the wedge-heeled sandals (lower right). These sandals are modeled with a pastel sheer afternoon dress.

"Angel in a Raincoat"



This Arkansas tornado victim, too bruised to visit Red Cross disaster headquarters, described the Red Cross worker who came to discuss his needs as "an angel in a raincoat." Subsequently, the Red Cross rebuilt his completely demolished home.

DOROTHY DIX Old Man's Fancy

Dear Miss Dix: Please tell me what a wife is to do after she has given forty years of the best of her life to her husband, making a happy home for him and rearing a family of five children, when she awakes to the realization that a woman much younger and more attractive than she is has come into his life? Is there anything she can do? Or must she just give up in despair?

Answer: There is one thing she can do, and that is to sit tight and refuse to give her husband a divorce, and that she should do not only for her own sake but for his.

When a man is young and falls in love with another woman and wants to marry her, if his wife is convinced that he is sincere in his feelings, and that he has a lasting affection for this other woman, then she owes it to her self-respect to set him free. There can be no good accomplished and she can derive no happiness in holding his body in hostage after his heart and soul have gone from her.

Different Case

But when the man is an old man, as your husband is, and when there are forty years of wedlock between you, it is an altogether different case. He is the victim of an infatuation that will pass. He is really suffering from a form of senile dementia and it is his wife's duty to save him from wrecking his life any more completely than he has.

If you will be patient, your husband's temporary madness will pass. His rheumatism will begin to trouble him. His feet will hurt and he will commence longing for his own fireside and slippers instead of running around with the fast young set, and his young friend will begin to bore him as much as he bores her.

Writers Tell Why They Quit Communism

Washington, March 1 —(AP)— In "The God That Failed," a recently published book, six well-known writers tell why they became Communists or sympathizers and then backed away.

It tries to answer at least one question: Why communism appealed to a number of intellectuals here and abroad, particularly in the 1930's and before.

Some of them were amazingly foggy about communism when they joined the parade.

But disillusioned and often sickened by the kind of democracy they saw practiced in the Western world, they thought they had found in communism the great chance for brotherhood, justice and a good life for all.

It took some of them years to find out — or to admit to themselves that they were involved in a fraud.

Of the six, only two are Americans: Richard Wright, Negro novelist who grew up in Alabama and never went beyond a normal school; and Louis Fischer, a newspaperman. Wright joined the party. Fischer was a sympathizer.

The other four are Arthur Koestler, an Austrian who joined the party in Germany before Hitler; Ignazio Silone, who joined and headed the Italian Communist underground in Mussolini's time; Stephen Spender, British poet, who joined briefly; and Andre Gide.

Reds Using Ruble for Propaganda

Washington, March 1 —(AP)— Government officials said today that Russia's new currency change probably marks the beginning of the period of "ruble diplomacy" in exploitation of the Communist satellites.

Evidently the Russians are also trying to use the ruble as a propaganda weapon even beyond the Communist area by showing it off as a monetary unit even more acceptable in their claim, than the American dollar.

Along these lines, state department people said it may be some time before the full intentions of the Kremlin are clear. The monetary moves announced yesterday in Moscow became effective today.

They cover three lines of action. Prices on a number of consumer commodities, including flour, potatoes, beet and wine were cut; the ruble was softened from a dollar standard to gold as a measure of its value; and the value of the ruble was increased from about 19 cents to about 25 cents.

Diplomatic informants said the price cuts had been rumored in Moscow for several weeks and in fact had been expected earlier this year. The announcement now, a short time before the Russian election, is regarded as being timed to give the Russian people a piece of good news. However, the real value of the ruble to the Russian workers is questioned by authorities here, since Russian prices rose 100 per cent in 1946 and cuts since that time have not restored the early post-war level.

Most interest in Washington is attached to the change in the value of the ruble — a dollar now buys fewer rubles — and to the decree that the ruble would no longer be defined in terms of dollars. In addition the state department received information that after July 1 the diplomatic rate of eight rubles to the dollar will be abolished and foreigners who have enjoyed that rate in Moscow will have their living expenses doubled, buying rubles at four to the dollar.

Petition Would Force Sanity Hearing for Black

Pine Bluff, March 1 —(AP)— Prison Supt. Lee Henslee would require to summon a jury to determine the mental condition of convicted murderer Thomas E. Black under a person circuit court petition.

Black's attorneys asked the court to order the hearing, which Henslee previously had refused.

A finding that Black is insane would cause suspension of his execution, scheduled for March 7.

He was convicted of first degree murder in the slaying of 22-year-old Jane McCall, 25-year-old sister of near Little Rock, in September, 1948.

all his life, he suffered from humanity. It hurt him to think he had privileges, such as money, which others didn't have.

He backtracked fast when he finally visited Russia and found his dream. It was too much for his stomach.

It struck me in this book, which is an extremely worthwhile and stimulating book, that some of the six are still remote from the common man about whom they felt so much concern.

They spent a lot of time in the book complaining that communism was an intellectual, or a writer of freedom to express himself in his pleasures. They gave me the impression that they look upon the writer as a social class, a little off to one side, or above, mankind.

I should think what would have discouraged them most keenly was the fact that communism, at its Soviet variety of it, robs all people, workers as well as writers of freedom and that tyranny necessary any place any time in dictatorship is to survive.

There's an insolence in Koestler: "We ex-Communists are not only people on your side who know what it's all about." While is another way of saying: "You can understand what's evil till you've committed a sin."

That makes no allowance for the people who saw it clearly, to what it was and rejected it, without taking part. I'm not talking about those who rejected communism out of selfishness or their inability to think it through or that at all.

I mean those, and there are many of them, who were dissatisfied with the performance of Western democracy but were sharp enough to see that Soviet communism was not the medicine.

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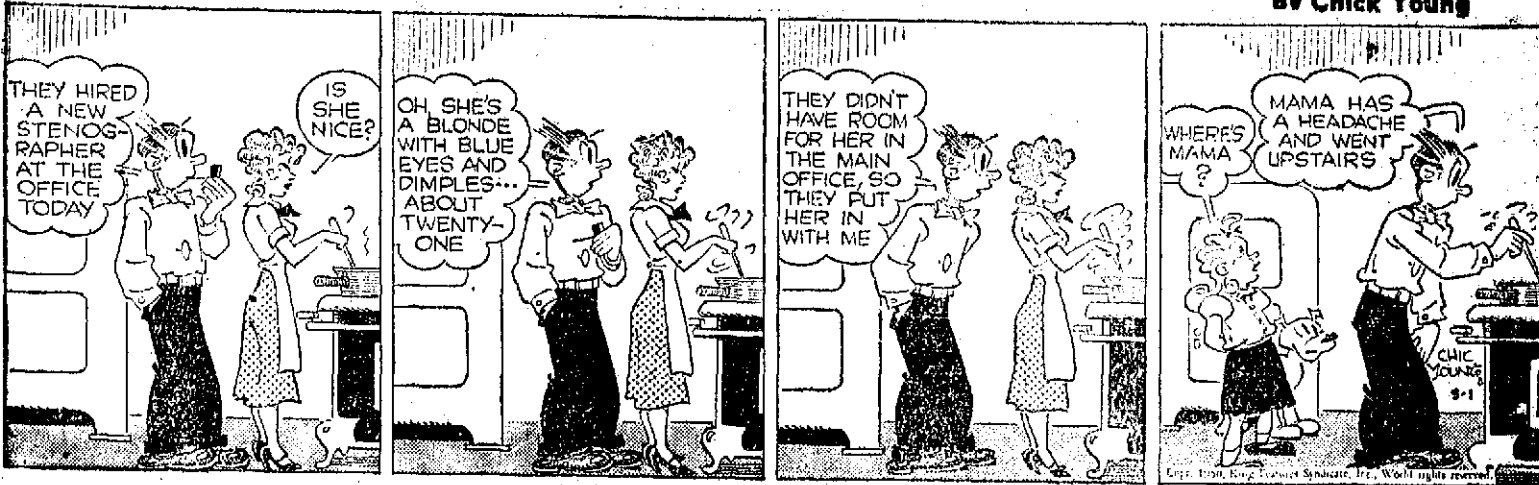
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- 1 Depicted monkey
- 8 It belongs to the genus
- 13 Excuse
- 14 Declaim
- 15 Lamprey
- 16 Pays attention
- 18 Correlative of neither
- 19 Negative word
- 20 Not mounted, as a gem
- 21 On (prefix)
- 22 Deciliter (ab.)
- 23 It is found South America
- 24 Cloy
- 27 Large bodies of water
- 29 Measure of land
- 30 Average (ab.)
- 31 Exists
- 32 Behold!
- 33 Part in a stage play
- 35 Scatters
- 38 Correlative of either
- 39 Exclamation of satisfaction
- 40 Cravat
- 42 Badge of merit
- 47 Individual
- 48 Weight measure
- 49 Shade of blue
- 50 Chemical suffix
- 51 Senior
- 53 Lauder
- 55 Birds' homes
- 56 Remitters

VERTICAL

- 1 Exhausts
- 2 Interstice
- 3 Animal hide
- 4 Near
- 5 Reckless
- 6 Beasts of burden
- 7 Shoshonean
- 8 Price
- 9 Suffix
- 10 Pest
- 11 Ideal state
- 12 Finches
- 17 Down
- 25 It has a prehensile
- 26 Gaelic
- 27 Seasoning
- 28 Baecanals'
- 33 Decayed
- 34 Song bird
- 36 Temper (coll.)
- 37 Swerves
- 41 Finishes
- 42 Damages
- 43 Hebrew deity
- 44 Lowers
- 45 Palestine
- 46 Thin
- 47 French river
- 52 Diminutive suffix
- 54 Hypothetical structural unit

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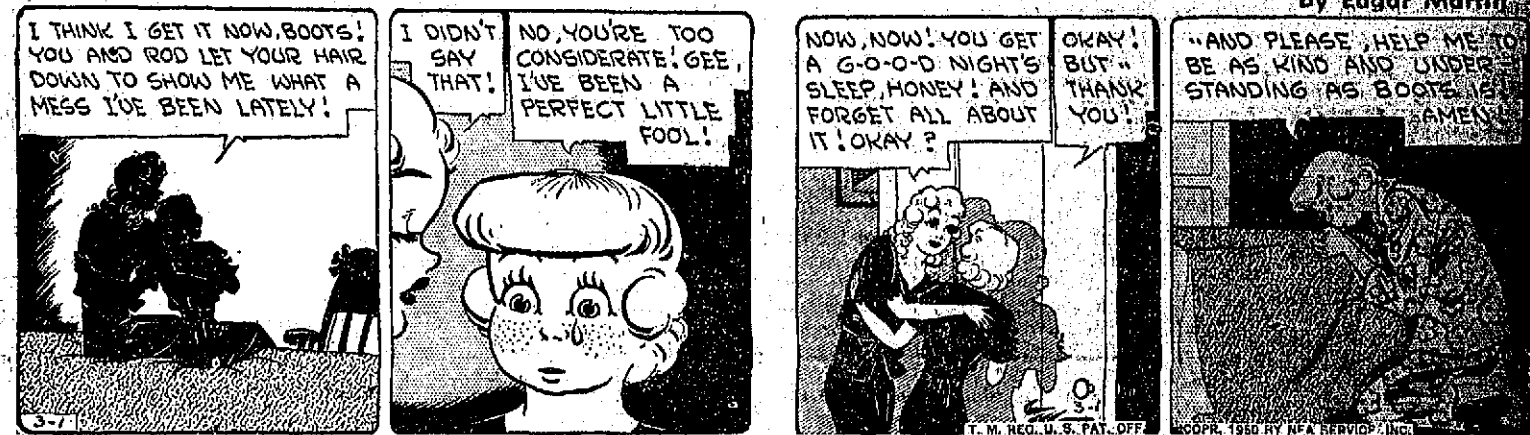
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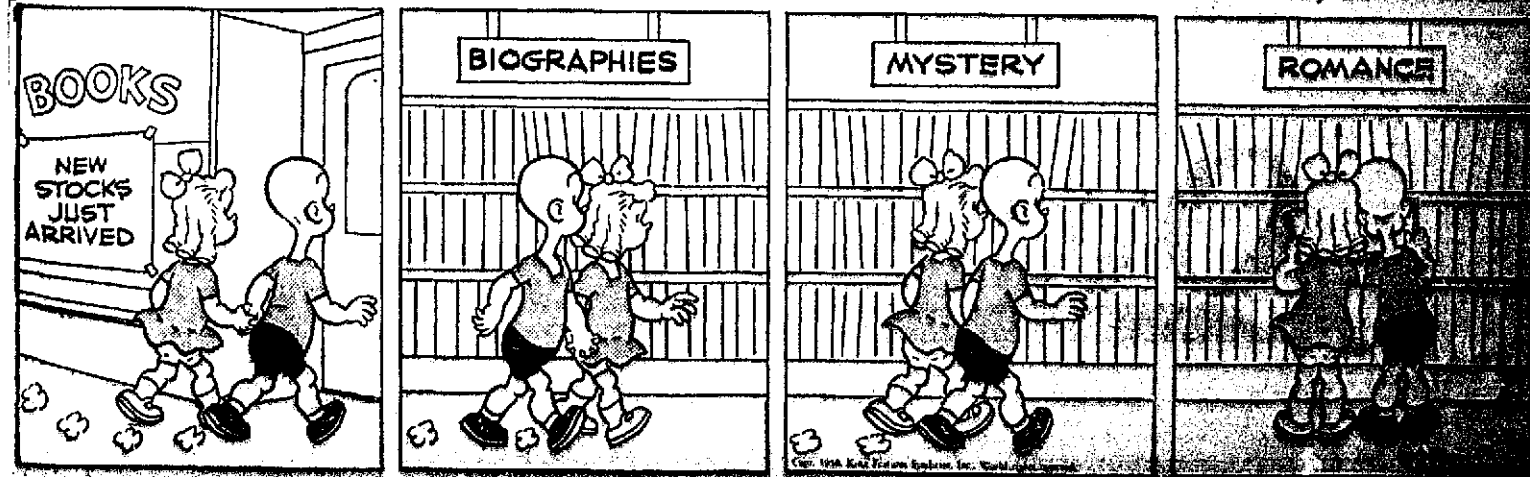
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SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"The President worries me with that talk about \$12,000 a year for all of us—I'd hate to be paying taxes on all that dough!"

Li May Not Give Over to Chiang

New York, March 1—(AP)—A high source said today that Nationalist China's acting president, Chiang Kai-shek, will not step down when the announced return of the generalissimo to China is complete.

The generalissimo announced in Taipei, Formosa, yesterday that he had decided to return to the post of president from March 1. He announced he was taking command of China's forces for a last stand on Formosa against Communist forces.

The source, who asked not to be named, said Li, who is in New York, would tell a press conference this afternoon that he was "prepared" to resign as president of the Chinese Nationalist Government.

The source said Li would invoke Article 49 of the constitution, which provides for the president's resignation.

In the event of the president's becoming vacant, the vice president should succeed to the post.

The generalissimo resigned Jan. 1, 1949.

Li was vice-president, becoming acting president.

Since Li came to the United States three months ago, the duties have been in the hands of the president of the Yuan, a sort of cabinet.

An intervention operation for peptic ulcers in the Columbia Presbyterian Medical center here last December. He was released from the hospital late in January.

He went to an undisclosed address in the fashionable Riverdale section of the Bronx for convalescence. He has since remained in seclusion.

Regardless of the outcome of the reported feud between Li and Chiang Kai-shek, former Chinese ambassador to the U. S., said there is no question of a government in exile.

Shooting Termed Accidental, Wife May Go Free

Way, Va., March 1—(AP)—Page authorities plan to recommend dismissal of a murder charge against a red-haired Mrs. Barbara Page, accused of killing her husband.

Commonwealth's Attorney, I. R. Page, said last night he will enter a recommendation because an investigation has disclosed the fatal shooting was accidental.

The victim, Robert Franklin Page, 36-year-old retired army captain and survivor of four years in Japanese prison camp, was shot to death Feb. 18 at his home eight miles south of here.

Shortly thereafter, his 26-year-old wife was arrested, and held four days without charge before a murder warrant was issued by Dovel county judge.

She was freed the same day on \$10,000 bail.

Dovel said last night that he and A. Seal, state police special investigator, now believe that the charge "will entirely justify a dismissal of the charge against Mrs. Page."

He said he planned to ask that the charge be dropped when a preliminary hearing is held March 14 before Judge county trial Justice H. Borton.

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FINGERPRINTS Don't Lie

By Rupert Hughes

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THE STORY: Azalea Palmer, young, beautiful, platinum haired, blonde, her father murdered at her home. A short time before her father, Paul Moody, a young senator, had gone to see the murdered man, Wendell Palmer, because he had opposed Paul's plan to marry Azalea and had prevented Paul from obtaining a commission to suppress a group of figures for a new building. Nadine Fennell, Azalea's closest friend, had succeeded in quieting the murdered man's daughter and the police had been called.

III
AZALEA PALMER and Nadine Fennell were still numb with shock and dumb for lack of words to fit their horror, when the air was pierced by a wild superhuman banshee wail that seemed almost to express the mad sorrow that death and sudden death and vicious death must uglify the world.

The two girls, shrinking away from the mute victim of crime, were in such terror that it seemed as if Nadine had no more than left the telephone and taken the shivering Azalea into her strong arms when the radio siren-shriek was broken off, and they heard the sound of footsteps on the outer marble stairway.

Through the open door came two big officers, who strode to the side of the two girls and stopped short as if on the edge of an abyss, as familiar to them as death is to a doctor.

To the questions implied in their eyes, Nadine gave what answers she could. Indicating Azalea, whose head was buried in Nadine's shoulder, she said:

"It's her father, Wendell Palmer."

The two officers exchanged glances and then looked down at the dead with a new respect. Wendell Palmer was a big man. This homicide was a big thing. Dorton saw that the heavy base of the

telephone must have been the weapon that crushed the reddened skull. He did not need to ask if either of those frail girls had done the work. Nadine went on:

"This is his daughter, Azalea Palmer. I just brought her home from the tennis tournament. I let her out at her door and drove on. I found her gloves and drove back. She came running down the steps, crying that she had found her father—murdered. I came in with her. I telephoned the police. We haven't touched a thing."

"Good good, good you didn't," said Dorton. Dorton added: "We won't touch nothing neither till the detail from downtown gets here." Dorton added to that: "Don't you think the little lady had ought to lay down and save her strength? She's got a lot to go through yet."

BUT at the idea of such idle repose, Azalea rebelled. For all her gentleness of soul, it was her nature to meet her problems stand-



Dorton's voice gave a sharp command: "Get back there, Kelsol! Don't touch that phone!"

ing up and fighting.

Already a few strangers were drifting in, sightseers whose curiosity and the sight of the police car at the curb had drawn up the crowd to the open door. The officers herded them back to the crowd clotting on the sidewalk, and closed the door.

Then, while Dorton stood guard in the room, Cloyd prowled about the house, the cellars, the upper rooms, the gardens against the remote chance of catching the killer still lurking about.

Nadine had forced Azalea into a big chair and sat on the arm of it, helpless to offer any solace to the softly weeping girl, who was now a complete orphan, with no mother, no father, no brother, or sister, or any kin or kith to share that suffering that was still a secret, not yet the headline mystery of the day which would soon fascinate the whole nation.

The girls kept their eyes averted from the untouchable body on the floor, and hardly noticed the entrance of a big, ugly man in plain clothes whom Dorton greeted with a none too friendly, "Hi'o, Kelsol."

IT was not till long afterward and then by some trick of awakened memory, that Azalea recalled hearing Dorton's voice in a sharp command:

"Get back there, Kelsol! Don't touch that phone! My God, ain't you been on the force long enough to know better'n to lay hands on the weapon that prob'ly done the deed? Keep back, I say, or I'll run

you in, detective or no detective?"

Azalea and Nadine heard the words and saw the man, but paid no further heed.

Meanwhile the police machinery was still at work. The voice that had sent the radio car to the scene, had notified Police Headquarters of Wendell Palmer's name and fate, and address. Instantly a team of two police detectives had dashed to a car and sent it shrieking through the traffic.

THE medical examiner, who had just come in from the gory street-scene of a car collision, dived back into his sedan and made for the Palmer home.

Since there would doubtless be latent fingerprints to discover and develop, Ray Pinker, the chief of the Crime Laboratory, did not send a man from the R and I (Records and Identifications) Bureau, but chose one of the dozen or so experts in the SID (Scientific Investigation Division).

He detailed James Stivers, who hurried away carrying a field kit the size of a suitcase. In the caravan were also a cameraman and a police stenographer.

As the various cars pierced the thronged streets, through twisting lanes opened by the sirens, a covey of newspaper reporters raced after them.

In less than half an hour, the home that Azalea had found so dreadfully empty was more crowded than it had been when her father and mother had given one of their famous receptions there.

(To Be Continued)

Pact May Ease Arab-Jewish Situation

Jerusalem, March 1—(AP)—Israel and Hashemite Jordan appeared today to be on the verge of signing a non-aggression pact to end the tension that has gripped divided Jerusalem since the Arab-Jewish war ended in 1948.

Informed sources said that secret peace negotiations which have been going on spasmodically for many weeks now have reached the point where the governments of both countries are considering terms of proposed treaties.

While it is still too early to speak of a formal peace treaty these mother Mrs. Joe Haynie and other relatives.

Elwood Robinson who is employed at El Dorado, spent the weekend with Mrs. Robinson and their daughters.

Miss Artie Gee has returned to the University of Arkansas Fayetteville after a weekend visit with her parents Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Gee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Robey of Little Rock are the houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robey and sons.

Bobby Elgin has resumed his studies at Henderson college Arkadelphia after a visit with his mother Mrs. Lucille Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hays Jr. and daughter Virginia Ann and Mrs. E. M. Sharp spent the weekend with relatives in Fort Smith.

Miss Billie Pal Cox of Henderson college, Arkadelphia visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Grady Cox over the weekend.

Miss Kate Sparks Bemis returned to the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville Monday after a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bemis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Avery were the Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Prince in Texarkana.



MAGICIAN TO APPEAR HERE — Even the birds obey the call and command of Dr. Gaffney, the master magician who will appear with his company at the High School auditorium on March 23 under the auspices of the Lion's club. Dr. Gaffney's revue requires two tons of stage equipment and an investment of over \$25,000.00 plus a life time spent in perfecting his star spangled revue. Money derived by the Lion's club will benefit worthy civic projects such as street markers, playgrounds, needy people whose eyes need glasses and many others. Remember the date, March 23.

sources said, a proposed non-aggression pact has been drafted and submitted to the Israeli and Jordan cabinets.

The Israel cabinet held a special meeting late yesterday to discuss the proposals, whose details still are secret. A nother meeting between Jordan and Israeli negotiators is expected shortly to iron out any amendments or counter-proposals offered by either government.

The non-aggression pact would replace the armistice agreement concluded in Rhodes last year after mediation by United Nations Conciliator Ralph Bunche. Last year's armistice contained an agreement in principle to settle differences over free access to

"trouble spots" in the Jerusalem area. These trouble spots were listed as:

1. The Hebrew university and Hadassah hospital on Mount Scopus, which is held by Israeli forces but separated from Jewish Jerusalem by the Arab quarter of the city.

2. Use of the traditional road from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. One-third of the road is held by Israel and two-thirds by Jordan.

3. Access to the wall in the traditional Jewish shrine, in the old city now held by Jordan forces.

4. Passage through Latrun, an Arab-held stronghold cutting the main road from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv.

Bucks Get Coach

Smackover, March 1—(AP)—Sam Baskin is new head coach at Smackover high school.

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PRESCOTT NEWS

Wednesday, March 1
The choir of the First Methodist church will meet Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock for practice.

Miss Mildred Loomis will lead the mid-week services at the First Christian church Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. The topic "The Church Today with Young People."

Mid-week services to be held at the First Baptist church Wednesday evening are as follows: 7 o'clock teachers meeting; 7:45 prayer meeting; 8:30 choir rehearsal. The nursery will be open during each service.

The Session of the First Presbyterian church will meet Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

There will be a mid-week Bible study at the Church of Christ

Wednesday evening at 7:30.

The Wednesday Bridge club will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. Saxon Regan.

Song and prayer services will be held from 7 to 8:30 Wednesday evening at the Central Baptist church.

Thursday, February 2
The W. C. T. U. will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. Charles H. Tompkins.

The Community choir will practice Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the First Methodist church.

The choir of the First Presby-

teria n church will meet Thursday night at 7 o'clock for rehearsal.

Saturday, February 4

The Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will have a dinner meeting Saturday evening at 7 o'clock at the Hotel Barlow, Hope. The state president, Mrs. Hazel Dabney of Pine Bluff, will be present and organize a new chapter in Hempstead county.

County-Wide Flower Show To Be Feature of Nevada County Fair

A. M. Rettig, general manager of the 14th annual Nevada county fair recently met with the following women at the Chamber of Commerce offices and laid plans for the staging of a county wide Flower Show at the 1950 Fair; Mrs. Jesse Porter, Mrs. Watson White, Jr., Mrs. Gordon Danner, Mrs. S. M. Pankey, Mrs. Jack Cooper, Mrs. A. M. Rettig, Mrs. J. T. Worthington.

This Flower show, the first of its kind ever to be staged in conjunction with the Nevada county fair, is open to all flower growers in the county. It is one of the many projects under way by the fair association to make the 1950 fair the biggest and best ever.

The following committees have been appointed as a flower show committee: Mrs. J. T. Worthington, chairman; Mrs. W. S. Regan, Mrs. E. Adam, Mrs. A. M. Rettig, Mrs. Watson White, Jr., Mrs. Jesse Crow, Mrs. Gordon Danner, Mrs. Don McMillan, Mrs. Odie Dehan, and Mrs. S. M. Pankey.

Mrs. T. E. Logan, Hostess to Ouachita Presbyterian Committee

The Ouachita Presbyterian program committee of Presbyterian churches composed of Mrs. Chas. Hayden of Camden, Mrs. Harvey Barr, Mrs. Ernest Wingfield of Hope and Mrs. Max Bryant of Prescott met on Friday in the home of Mrs. T. E. Logan to plan the program for Ouachita Presbyterian at Hope on April 11 and 12.

At noon a delicious luncheon was served. The dining table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with an attractive arrangement of jonquils and snowdrops in a blue bird bowl.

Mrs. S. O. Logan, Mrs. W. G. Beusberg and Miss Julia Logan were also luncheon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gordon are domiciled in their new home on East Main street.

Mrs. Aquilla Stewart of El Dorado spent the weekend with her

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